



City of Huntington Beach
Community Services Commission

**PARK NAMING AND MEMORIALS COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

Wednesday February 22, 2017
4:00 p.m. | Room EMG-1
Senior Center in Central Park
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Committee Members Present: Joe Carchio; Albert Gasparian; Roy Miller;
Michelle Schuetz; Krista Sterud;

Committee Members Absent: Jay Kreitz (ex officio-excused)

Staff Present: David Dominguez; Charlene Gomez

Commissioner Miller opened the meeting at 4:12, at which time the pledge of allegiance was said.

Election of Chair

Commissioner Schuetz moved to nominate Commissioner Miller as Committee Chair. Commissioner Carchio seconded the motion. All in favor.

Public Comments - None

Naming Recognition – To bring the new committee members up to speed, Dominguez provided background on the current task before the Committee. He stated that as directed by City Council through the Community Services Commission, Committee will provide naming opportunity recommendations for Delbert “Bud” Higgins, and Frank L. Ciarelli. Discussion continued on possible naming options for Bud Higgins, including Warner Dock, the Parkside Estates development at Warner and Graham, and other locations. Suggestions made for Frank Ciarelli included the Park, Tree and Landscape Yard at Gothard and Slater amongst others. It was noted that Bluff Top Park is State Park property, and therefore, there are many restrictions on naming. Discussion continued on various options.

Commissioner Carchio asked if the naming after mayors is still a requirement. Dominguez responded that Resolution No. 2004-90 does allow naming opportunities for former mayors who are no longer members of City Council, but also for other individuals or significant events.

Committee Chair Miller provided information on the criteria as defined by Committee at a previous meeting. The facilities discussed included Parkside Estates, LeBard, Franklin Elementary, the park at the southeast corner of Magnolia and Banning, the Beach Public Service Center, and the Park Tree and Landscape yard.

Schuetz asked if the original recommendation of naming Wardlow and Lamb Park after Bud Higgins and Frank Ciarelli could go back before the new Council. Dominguez said it would have to go back to Commission first and then it would have to be their recommendation to send it back to Council without any changes.

With regard to Franklin Elementary, Gasparian asked who Franklin was and why the school was named for him. Dominguez said staff will provide historical information on Franklin, LeBard, and the Warner Doc to determine the significance of the names.

Carchio asked for background on why Council is asking for naming opportunities for Bud Higgins and Frank Ciarelli. Dominguez provided a synopsis of what has lead to this meeting.

Dominguez concluded by saying that staff has their direction and will come back to Committee with research for Committee to use in their recommendation.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO COMMITTEE - None

Submitted by:

David C. Dominguez
Secretary, Community Services Commission

By: Charlene Gomez, Recording Secretary